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1. A DAY AFTER ACCEPTING PRIMIN TALU'S
REQUEST TO BE RELIEVED OF THE DUTY OF FORMING A NEW
GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT KORUTURK ISSUED A STATEMENT
ON JAN 11 ANALYSING THE PROTRACTED GOVERNMENT DEAD-
LOCK. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT, SINCE
HE HAD NO POWER TO CALL NEW ELECTIONS, HE WOULD ASK
THE HEADS OF THE TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT "TO BRING
ME A FORMULA, IF THEY CONSIDER IT POSSIBLE, OF HOW
AND UNDER WHOSE LEADERSHIP THERE CAN BE FORMED A
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GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD EMERGE FROM OUR POSITICAL PAR-

TIES AND WOULD HAVE STRONG AND CONVINCING SUPPORT FROM WITHIN THE TURKISH GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY".

2. MEANWHILE, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN ECEVIT, FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH THE NATIONAL SALVATION (NSP) TOLD A JOINT MEETING OF THE PARTIES THAT "IF THE DUTY IS GIVEN TO US, WE ARE IN A POSITION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME". (CITING A SOURCE IN THE NSP, THE PRESS REPORTED THAT THE TWO PARTIES HAVE AGREED ON ALL CABINET POSTS EXCEPT THAT OF FINANCE.)

3. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT DOES NOT RULE OUT SUCH A COALITION. HOWEVER, AS LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER GUVEN TOLD THE PRESS, "THE PRESIDENT DEFINITELY WANTS A SUCCESSFUL RESULT THIS TIME".

4. KORUTURK'S STATEMENT IS A FARILY STRONG PRESIDENTIAL INTERVENTION. AFTER REVIEWING THE EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE OCTOBER 14 ELECTIONS, KORUTURK IN EFFECT CHIDED THE PARTIES FOR BEING UNABLE TO COME TO AGREEMENT AND EXPLAINED THAT GIVEN SUCH DISCORD A MINORITY GOVERNMENT COULD NOT WIN PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL. HE OBSERVED THAT PARLIAMENT "APPEARS TO HAVE ENTERED A SITUATION IN WHICH THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMING A GOVERNMENT IS ABSENT". HE LISTS THE MAIN LESSONS OF THIS EXPERIENCE AS THE NEED FOR REFORMING THE PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATIONAL AND PRIMARY ELECTION SYSTEMS, PREVENTING A "PARTY OLIGARCHY", AND CHANGING THE CONDITIONS THAT CAUSE LOW VOTER PARTICIPATION.
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